FVSE Training Academy Launches Programmes For Young People

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FVSE CIC, a social enterprise based in Stirling who provides practical training opportunities for young people, is delighted to announce that with the support from **Hallam Land Management** and **Barratt Homes**, their training programmes are now live for young people to apply to be part of.

FVSE CIC which delivers **Stirling Summer Festival**, the biggest cultural project in Stirling, encourages young people looking to get into employment to apply for a **free place** on their Into Events, Into Heritage or Into Digital training. Each programme offers training opportunities for up to **10 young people**, providing a practical learning experience to develop transferrable skills needed for future employment.

Gary Smith, Director at Hallam Land Management explained, "We have a genuine interest in projects that **support communities** and the development of young people, providing opportunities and increasing chances of employment. We are therefore delighted to get behind FVSE CIC training academy programmes that have been supporting young people in the Forth Valley area since 2014. I am fully behind this social enterprises ethos of developing young people's skill set in a **practical learning environment** and wish everybody involved great success."

FVSE CIC specialises in project and event delivery and through their projects since 2014 have offered support to 120 young people including 227 volunteers, attracted almost 20,000 visitors to the event boosting the local Stirling economy by £1.2m. Graham, one of **last year's young people** who has now secured employment said, "Before the course, I didn't have much confidence talking to people and I was anxious meeting new people. After the placement, I found I had **confidence** in talking to people and overall **felt a lot happier** from gaining the skills from the course."

David Scott, Managing Director, Barratt West Scotland said: "At Barratt Homes, we are **committed to the training and development** of young people across Scotland which is why we were thrilled to be involved in FVSE 'Into' programmes.

"Through our own traineeship and apprenticeship programmes we can appreciate that young people learn a range of skills by being out on site, organising events and getting hands-on experience and I know that young people will really benefit from these programmes."

All candidates from this year's training programme will finish their practical training on Saturday, August 17th as a member of the crew at Stirling Summer Festival. This event attracts visitors from all over the world to enjoy its **Creative Arts Festival**, the **Stirling Highland Games** and the **Food and Drink Festival**. The young candidates are asked to mirror other more senior volunteers, developing those soft skills at their own rate as the day goes on.

If you are aged between 16 and 40 and are interested to find out more about FVSE CIC training programmes please contact the office on 01786 273556 or email office@fvse.org.uk

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